



# Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter

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## From the desk of Kathy Bogataj

Dear Parents,

What a great turn out we had this past Tuesday at the Open House! I hope you are feeling comfortable with any new school or class routines.

We have such an active school! We feel confident that everyone can find something in which to become involved. Our SAC and Home and School Association have worked hard in the last year to reorganize and move our school forward. Currently H S A is looking for a "welcome" committee chairperson. If you have been in the school for more than 1 year and would like to reach out to new families, we have the job for you. For more information about this and other volunteer opportunities, please contact the school office. I look forward to seeing many of you helping out around our parish community.

Yours in Christ,

## Campus Events

- \*\*Fri. Sept. 18th - No School - Teacher Professional Day
- \*\*Tues. Sept. 22nd - Safe Environment Training - 6:30 - 9:30 in the Conmy Center
- \*\*Thurs. Sept. 24th - Odyssey of the Mind informational meeting 6:30
- \*\*Fri. Oct. 2nd - Blessing of the Animals—2:30 p.m.

\*\*Please note that there is school scheduled for Wed. Nov. 11th

## This and That

- Special thanks to Anna Hart who has volunteered to work with our students in preparing for our weekly liturgies. She has been a true Godsend.
- Listen for our own Dr. Lori Puterbaugh on Spirit FM on Mondays at 5:35!!
- Check out the Fall Festival website for information about our upcoming event [www.ollfallfestival.com](http://www.ollfallfestival.com)
- Mrs. Wendy Portilia will be at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center this Saturday from 10:00—2:00 for the Kiwanis Kid's Art Fest. She will be offering an art activity for kids - stop by and say "hi" if you are in the area.
- Please remember to use caution when driving on the parish property - we want to avoid any accidents!

# School News



## EC4 CLASS NEWS

The EC4 class is off to a great start. The little ones have settled right in and made themselves at home. In the first week of school we took a tour of the campus and got to know all of our new friends. Mrs. Bogataj and the office staff let us have a look around and made us feel very safe and happy. The children are truly enjoying their new surroundings. We are thrilled to welcome these youngest members to the OLL school family!



## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class is off to a great start! We have made new friends, learned new rules and had lots of fun! We have also started our Starfall program, a Reading/Language Arts curriculum that is magical, creative, sequential, and combines content area instruction in Social Studies and Science. This is all supported with online activities at Starfall.com – that's Kindergarten, the Starfall way!!

## Swine Flu Update!

If anyone in your family is diagnosed with Swine flu please let the school know!! It may be necessary for siblings to stay home in addition to the "sick" person.



## First Grade Happenings

We are having a fantastic time in first grade. We are excited to be back and are ready to learn. In Science, we started learning about observing and using our senses. We did an experiment in which we compared a sponge and a ball using all of our senses, except taste, of course! We love doing hands on activities and are excited for all the different experiments we get to do this year!

## Second Grade



Second graders experienced first hand how important it is to speak kindly to others. They also discovered how toothpaste and their words are alike. Each student worked with a partner to squeeze all the toothpaste out of a tube. (How fun is that?!) Then their task began. They had to work together as a team to get all the toothpaste back into the tube using a toothpick. It did not take them long to discover that it was impossible! This led right into our lesson on how our words are like toothpaste. Just like putting toothpaste back into the tube, we cannot take our words back after we say them. So, we must speak with love and kindness, just as Jesus speaks to us. This year second graders will focus on respecting others, especially with the words they use because it is impossible to take them back!